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employed by the city council reported a valuation of $24,300,000. Recently the mayor has brought in an appraiser from Milwaukee who has fixed the value at a still lower sum. In the meantime the mayor has vetoed a local franchise for several new lines of track. No extensions of importance are being made. The street car employees have been organized and have staged a strike which evoked the interference of the state public safety commission, and which is not, at time of writing, fully settled. Numerous jitney busses of ever larger and better types are materially reducing the street railway's net earnings.

Detroit Conference. The twenty-fifth National Conference for Good Government, held at Detroit, Mich., from November 19 to 23, 1917, embraced a series of meetings and conferences of the National Municipal League, the City Managers' Association, governmental research agencies, civic secretaries and secretaries of state municipal leagues.

At the sessions of the City Managers' Association special attention was given to practical problems of municipal administration.

The National Municipal League gave attention to food supply and other war problems, nonpartisan city government, the consolidation of city and county government, state budget methods and training for the public service.

Provision was made for organizing on a continuing basis a conference on governmental research, as a central agency for coördinating and correlating the work of the various bureaus of municipal and government research in the United States. Mr. Otto Kirchner of Detroit has been selected as president of this conference, and Mr. Levy E. Snyder of Rochester as secretary and treasurer; and an executive committee has been formed to work out definite plans of action.

The secretaries of state municipal leagues also formed an organization, with Homer Talbot of the Kansas League as chairman.